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SUBJECT: MODE - RELOCATION OF TAIPEI TRO TO HONG KONG

REFS: A. HONG KONG 3132 (NOTAL); B. STATE 66110

1. THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES THE USIA PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ONE AMERICAN AND ONE FSL POSITION IN THE TAIPEI TRO TO HONG KONG. THE TIMING OF THE TRANSFER WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A LATER COMMUNICATION AS WILL RELATED DETAILS. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS THIS IS A SENSITIVE MATTER AND WHILE THE CG AND AMBASSADOR MAY DISCUSS IT WITH THEIR PAOS, THEY SHOULD BE CAUTIONED TO KEEP THE SUBJECT CONFIDENTIAL AND OTHERWISE TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO AVOID LEAKS.

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2. FOR HONG KONG. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE CG'S EFFORTS TO KEEP THE POST USIA STAFFING WITHIN THE POST'S MODE CEILING. HOWEVER, THE NEED TO RELOCATE THE TRO IS OVERRIDING IN THIS CASE AND SINCE NEITHER THE WORLDWIDE NOREGIONAL USIA MODE CEILING WILL INCREASE THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE TRANSFER. NEVERTHELESS, THE CG'S USIA STAFFING WILL BE REVIEWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFER-

ENCE B, BUT THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A SEPARATE ISSUE AND
CONSIDERED IN A DIFFERENT CONTEXT. VANCE

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